BY LEVI BLUM,
EDITOR AND PROPRIETOR.

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PEOPLE'S PRESS.

SALEM, N. C.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 14, 1865.

ANOTHER ELECTION.

The election for Governor, Members of the Legislature and Congress, has been fixed by the Convention on the second Thursday in November next.

THE CONVENTION.—It will be seen, from the proceedings of the Convention, that this body has transacted considerable business during the past week. It touched certain matters, however, which, it was to be hoped, would be left altogether to future legislation; and, judging from rumors, we really feared that some of the members, in their efforts, might lay themselves open to the soft impeachment of indulging a little at "snapping after the popular breeze!"

We were, however, slow in believing the unwelcome rumors, in regard to repudiation, which would so seriously affect all classes, and still hoped for better things, the more so, perhaps, because it was rather inconvenient to prepare for the worst!—Repudiation of the debt created during the war, might only be the entering wedge to general repudiation of all State liabilities, a state of things to be deprecated by all honest men, and which would everlastingly impair the faith and credit of our good old honest State, and entail untold misery upon the people,—something which they, in their philosophy, never dreamed of during the late electioneering campaign.

There is yet hope, however, as the unwelcome rumors from Raleigh have not been confirmed. We sincerely trust, that a majority of the Convention,—men of talent, experience and sound judgment,—will handle the delicate subject of repudiation with great caution, and rescue the State from impending ruin and eternal disgrace.

As we write, Wednesday's Daily Raleigh *Sentinel* brings us the rather pleasing intelligence, that the committee to whom the questions touching the public and private debts were referred, recommend that no action of any kind be had at the present session in regard to the old or new debt of the State, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of said public debts at the present session, as much diversity of opinion exists in regard to the debt since the 20th of May, 1861, and information is needed as to what part of it was for one purpose rather than another. Many facts connected with the debt are not yet fully ascertained. This is putting off the evil day, at least. In the mean time something more favorable may yet turn up.

The general sentiment of the Convention seems to be that there should be and will be a recess and subsequent session of this body. The Convention will adjourn shortly, to meet again sometime during the winter, perhaps in January.

The report of said Committee will be found in full in Tuesday's proceedings.

The President and his Politics.

According to the *New York Tribune*, "the President informed Dean Richmond that he should in no wise interfere with New York politics; he considered himself pledged to no party, and that only those who approved of his present policy could be regarded as his friends. He further stated that the policy of reconstruction which he is now pursuing is not an experiment, but the settled course which he has determined to carry out without a reference to the wishes of any party."

President Johnson has proven himself to be, thus far, emphatically the man for the times. In adopting the true, patriotic course of pledging himself to no party, he may not meet the views of the *radical* element North nor find much favor with *extremists* South,—but the *Conservative* party of the whole country, regardless of old party ties, will flock to his standard, and give his administration a cordial and hearty support. The patriots,—the true lovers of our whole country, are sick and tired of party politics, which have well nigh ruined the country, and hail in our Chief, a present deliverer from party strife, giving the country rest and time to recuperate her exhausted energies.

SEPARATE or "packed" County Conventions to nominate candidates for the Legislature was discussed and decided against.

FINE POTATOES.—Allen Tadlock, Esq., presented us with half a bushel of the finest sweet potatoes we have seen this season,—the largest weighing two and a half pounds, and others two pounds. Long may he flourish, and his potato crop never grow less.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.—H. W. Shore, cow strayed.—Mr. T. J. Roper,—Coloring.—H. H. Helper, Assessor.

The State of Alabama has repudiated the State war debt.

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LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR.—The subject of the creation of the office of Lieutenant Governor of the State, is being agitated in the papers, and we are inclined to favor the measure. The *Standard* says, "the expense of salary seems to be the only objection, which objection has been obviated by the simple proposition not to pay that officer a salary for the present, but only allow him a *per diem* during the session of the General Assembly, when he would preside over the deliberations of the Senate."

The object of the office of a Lieutenant Governor, we all know, is to fill the gubernatorial chair, whenever a vacancy occurs. According to our fundamental law, the speaker of the Senate fills such vacancy. The people, however, will elect the Lieutenant Governor, which, we think, is preferable to the old mode of filling the vacated office. The *Standard* also says:—"Should the Governor be chosen from the East, the Lieut. Governor might be chosen from the West, thus balancing the power of the sections of the State and forming a political tie, binding and uniting the political interests of the State, East and West."

We can see no serious objection to this measure, but much to commend its adoption. We hope the Convention will give it due consideration. A number of States have adopted the system long since.

WHY DON'T YOU ADVERTISE?—Business men, in this community, seem not to be aware of the importance of keeping their names and their merchandise constantly before the public. In other towns, in this State and elsewhere, where the people are enterprising and thrifty, the columns of their newspapers are teeming with advertisements, representing as it were, a map of busy life,—and it pays the advertisers well. It is a maxim among good business men, that a business that is not worth advertising, is not worth carrying on. There are of course, exceptions; but, as a general rule, we subscribe to it.

NEW PAPER IN RALEIGH.—We have received a specimen number of a new paper to be commenced in Raleigh, daily, triweekly and weekly, on the 1st of January, entitled "Merchants', Farmers', and Mechanics' Journal," by Leonidas N. Keith.—It is neatly gotten up, and well filled with original and selected matter.

THE DAILIES.—We are under many obligations to our friends of the daily press of the state. We receive of the Raleigh Dailies, the *Standard*, the *Progress*, and *Sentinel*.—The Wilmington *Herald*, the *Journal*, and the Charlotte *Times*, also, regularly.

As the mails to this place are now regular, persons wishing to subscribe for either of the above papers can examine them at our office.

THE NEW ERA DISSEVED.—We have received a copy of this old and popular paper, of the 5th instant. Terms $3 50 in advance. It fully sustains its former reputation, and is printed with clear type on fine paper.

North Carolina State Convention.

WEDNESDAY, October 11th.

The *Standard* says editorially.

The considerations of the ordinance declaring what laws and ordinances are in force, which was under discussion at the hour of adjournment the day before, was resumed and occupied a considerable portion of the session. Section seven, relating to the legalization of marriage between the late slaves of the State, was stricken out, leaving the subject to be adjusted by the Legislature, unless, on the third reading, some provision on the subject, more acceptable to the Convention, shall be inserted.

Just before the adjournment, the ordinance in relation to State debts was reached, and will come up again to-morrow, as unfinished business. The bill by Mr. Dodd now, on the question to lay the whole subject on the table, is considered by many as indicative of the course that will be adopted by the Convention on the subject of the State debts. The main ordinance, that of Mr. Settle, declares against the assumption of the war debt by the State.

The resolutions (heretofore reported) asking for a general amnesty of the President of the United States for all the citizens of North Carolina not yet pardoned, were passed.

THURSDAY, Oct. 12

The *Standard* editorially says:

The discussion on the subject of the State debt was continued yesterday, occupying the entire session after the disposal of the morning's business.

A few reports were made from committees, mostly on unimportant subjects, except that of the committee on thanks to the President of the United States and the Governor of this State, a substitute for which was reported by the committee, and which will probably be adopted to-day.

A resolution for evening sessions, and a resolution for adjournment to a future day, were introduced and laid over under the rules. Also an ordinance on the basis of representation.

The subject of the State debts was not disposed of and will come up for discussion to-day.

A. H. Stephens, Vice President of the late Confederacy; Trenholm, the late rebel Secretary of the Treasury; Clement C. Campbell, Confederate Assistant Secretary of War, and Ex-Gov. Clark, of Mississippi, have been paroled by the President.

LOCAL AND STATE ITEMS.

LOOK OUT FOR THIEVES.—A few nights since a mule was stolen from Mr. Tise's stable, and numerous petty thefts are being perpetrated in the vicinity.

SWEET POTATO PATCHES, cornfields, dairies and hen roosts are fast becoming common property, and are visited by nocturnal depredators much to the inconvenience of honest folks and bothering their calculations for the future.—If the guilty persist in their evil ways, some body will get hurt, most assuredly, regardless of the maxim that "necessity knows no law."

SQUIRRELS.—The unusual number of squirrels and crows are having a merry time in the cornfields, at the expense of our farmers, affording, however, much sport for the young men of town and country.

During the war squirrel skins were much in demand, and even now, on account of the high price of leather and scarcity of money, they might be turned to a good account for light shoes.

BIRDS.—The bird shooting season is also opening,—and as powder and lead is not considered altogether contraband any more, it will become plenty and *cheaper*, perhaps,—our sporting friends will have a gay time of it. As shooting on the wing is the only mode a true sportsman will adopt, we will state that an expert recently remarked that he was generally more successful in selecting a bird on the outside of the covey, while some of his friends labored under the erroneous impression that aim at the centre of the group, would be more certain to bring down the game.

WARM, DRY AND DUSTY.—We have had no rain of any consequence since, we believe, the first week in September.

BE CAREFUL.—Several accidents have recently occurred in this county to the operators of sugar cane mills, resulting in the loss of fingers and a hand.

CASUALTY.—An old lady named Jackson, residing near Winston, came to her death last week, by falling from a wagon.

BUSINESS IN SALEM is reviving. The hammer, the plane, the saw, &c., of the mechanic are doing their work. Our merchants have varied and well selected assortments of Dry Goods, Groceries, Hardware, Boots and Shoes, Hats, &c., and are doing a brisk barter and cash business. Prices are also gradually coming down.

Redistricting the State.

Under the Census of 1860, North Carolina is entitled to seven representatives to Congress. Before it was eight. The committee appointed, therefore, to redistrict the State, under this new arrangement has, we learn, made the following apportionment, subject to the action of the Convention:

First District.—Currituck, Camden, Pasquotank, Perquimans, Gates, Chowan, Hertford, Northampton, Halifax, Martin, Bertie, Washington, Tyrrell, Hyde and Beaufort.

Second District.—Pitt, Craven, Jones, Lenoir, Wayne, Greene, Edgecombe, Wilson, Onslow, Carteret, Duplin and New Hanover.

Third District.—Brunswick, Columbus, Bladen, Sampson, Cumberland, Robeson, Richmond, Harnett, Moore, Montgomery, Anson and Stanly.

Fourth District.—Wake, Franklin, Warren, Granville, Orange, Nash, Johnson and Chatham.

Fifth District.—Alamance, Randolph, Guilford, Rockingham, Davidson, Forsythe, Stokes Surry, Person and Caswell.

Sixth District.—Rowan, Cabarrus, Union, Iredell, Mecklenburg, Gaston, Lincoln, Catawba, Davie, Yadkin, Wilkes and Alexander.

Seventh District.—Ashe, Alleghany, Watauga, Caldwell, Rutherford, Yancey, Mitchell, McDowell, Burke, Cleveland, Polk, Henderson, Transylvania, Buncombe, Madison, Haywood, Jackson, Macon, Cherokee and Clay.

Important Circulars.

We call special attention to the subjoined circular of H. H. Helper, Assessor, bearing date, October 2d, 1865.

ASSESSOR'S OFFICE,
UNITED STATES INTERNAL REVENUE,
Third District, North Carolina.
SALISBURY, Oct. 2d, 1865.

In the circular issued by the Secretary of the Treasury, September 14th 1865, it is ordered, that all articles, of whatsoever kinds found, which can be shown to the satisfaction of the Assessor to have been manufactured before the establishment of this district, to wit: the 30th day of May, 1865, shall be held free from the present assessment for collection of tax, unless transported beyond the limits of the States lately in insurrection.

I respectfully request all persons, in this district, who may have any articles of manufacture liable to assessment for said tax, under the above mentioned order, to have them assessed as soon as possible, and that they will present to the Assessor evidence that such articles were manufactured prior to the establishment of the district. Thus I may cause such articles to be so marked as to be identified and relieved without difficulty to owners. It is proper for me to say, that all evidence adduced should be corroborated by one or more credible persons.

No article of manufacture can be inspected and marked until the production of evidence satisfactory to the assessor as above mentioned.

Inspectors will not inspect nor mark any more boards, barrels, packages, &c., than is absolutely necessary for the [illegible] said circular of the 14th September, 1865. Provision also will be made for articles transported beyond the limits of the States lately in insurrection, which will be subject to the same rules as those in force at the time they were manufactured.

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MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS.

WAR IN SOUTH AMERICA.

Further details have been received respecting the war in South America. The Paraguayans were actively pushing forward, while their opponents, the allied forces, remained motionless, but concentrated, at Cuberdia, waiting the attack. The Brasillian fleet on the Parana river had commenced a retrograde movement, fearing that the Paraguayans would construct batteries below, so as to gain command of the river. The magnitude which this struggle is assuming may be estimated from the fact that on the date of our latest advices there were 112,000 men under arms, of whom 56,000 were Paraguayans and 57,000 allies.—Three American vessels were injured during the late gale off Montevideo, the bark Edith Rose losing three sailors.

SENOR AROYO, Maximilian's Consul in New York, has forwarded for publication upwards of the projected Juarez loan, a proclamation, the gist of which is that the imperial government of Mexico repudiate President Juarez and all his deeds, and of course will not hold themselves responsible for his contracts.—Banner.

The Fenians.

Latest advices from Europe state that a large number of Fenians were brought before the Police Magistrates, Dublin, on Saturday. The government council stated that large sums of money had been received by some of the prisoners from America. Intercepted letters state the designs of the Fenians to be of a sanguinary character, being the extermination of the nobility, the first thing on the breaking out of the rebellion.

Mississippi Election.

NEW ORLEANS, October 3.—The election in Mississippi was quiet, and resulted in the election of Gen. Humphrey's for Governor.—Representatives opposed to the admission of negro testimony in civil courts have been chosen in many counties. The Legislature meets a week from Monday next.

Pennsylvania Election.

The vote in Philadelphia is the largest ever cast, except in 1860. McMichael, Union candidate for Mayor has been elected by over 5,000 majority.

The State has undoubtedly gone republican.

Ohio Election.

Maj. Gen. S. S. Cox, the Union candidate for Governor, has carried Ohio by 25,000 majority. This another anti-negro suffrage triumph.

Destructive Fire.

The fire which broke out here this morning, on the farms of the U. S. Petrolium Company, destroyed 4000 barrels oil, one derrick and engine houses of thirteen oil mills. Loss one hundred and fifty thousand dollars.

Drought in New England.

While the West has been inundated with rain the greater part of the New England States have been suffering from drought. A letter from Middlesex County, Mass., states that the forest trees will soon die unless there is rain. Apples are good for nothing. The wells are nearly all dry. People, horses, oxen and cows are obliged to travel two miles to the brooks for drink and for family use. Grist and saw mills about there have stopped, and the prospect is that the farmers will have to send to Boston or Lowell for meal to keep their cattle from starving.

Through to Atlanta.

The last bridge has been completed on the East Tennessee and Virginia railroad, and the trains are now running through to Atlanta without interruption. On Sunday evening last the first train passed over the entire length of the East Tennessee road.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 9.

The Treasury Department has issued a Circular providing that articles dutiable under Internal Revenue laws, may be removed from the South and shipped to New York, Philadelphia, Baltimore, Boston, Cairo, St. Louis, Cincinnati, of New Orleans, on execution by the shippers of satisfactory bonds to be given to the Internal Revenue Collector at the place where the articles are to be moved, so that duty may be paid to the Collector at the port of destination.

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Sugar advanced six pence to one shilling.—Rice firmer.

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CHOLERA.

A Constantinople correspondent, writing on the 3d ult., to the New York *Tribune*, says the number of deaths in the Turkish capital, during the forty days' prevalence of cholera were not less than forty thousand though the official returns of the Turkish Government largely underrated them.

The U. S. Department of State received yesterday foreign advices respecting the ravages of the cholera in the coast cities of Spain.

The cholera is represented to have broken out west of Port Mahon, but thus far this scourge appears to have been confined to the great channels of human travel and the marts of commerce. There is no information however, that it has appeared in the interior of Spain.

The Consul says that from information received at Port Mahon it is believed that the scourge will again visit the West, and that information has also been received there that the Asiatic pest, which was thought to have disappeared, has broken out in Siberia. The succeeds of this pest are frightful beyond anything heretofore known.—*National Intelligencer 6th.*

CHOLERA IN TENNESSEE.—The Nashville *Press* says: "It is stated that the disease among cattle, which generally precedes the cholera amongst the human race, is prevailing throughout the State. Cattle and hogs are dying off at a fearful rate, and we are informed that a few cases closely resembling cholera have made their appearance in this city." A private letter says several cases of cholera have occurred at Memphis.

Important Decision.

The first session since the close of the war of the United States District Court, Judge Underwood presiding, convened on Monday, in Alexandria, Virginia. The District Attorney, J. H. Chandler, made a very eloquent and forcible speech, urging upon the court a liberal policy in treating the large number of confiscation cases upon the docket. The Judge, before adjournment, made the following decision:

Ordered—That in all cases where pardons have been granted, and where the amnesty oath has been taken, save as to those under the President's proclamation, all suits for property under the confiscation law are dismissed upon payment of costs.

A large number of citizens interested under this ruling were present in court, and immediately went forward and paid the sum that had accrued upon suits brought against them.

Among the latest and most useful inventions of the day, is the "Pocket Sewing Machine."—Nothing can be easier, simpler or more efficient than this little worker. When it is so small that it can be carried in the pocket, and so cheap as to be within the financial reach of all. This self-feeding, self-acting, and passed over the fabric, while all other machines require the fabric to be passed through them. It is specially adapted for quilting, braiding, and embroidery.

JOS. E. BROWN.—Gov. Brown has returned to his home in Gilmer, having been on to Washington and received his pardon. On his return from Knoxville and Chattanooga he was met many miles by the United States military R. R. employees, and would have been killed by them, but was rescued by the Military and safely escorted beyond their reach. The reason assigned was that he had issued an order to his State troops to kill all the U. S. Military R. R. employees engaged on the Georgia State road. Gov. Brown has since published a letter denying the report, and asserting his innocence of any cruelty towards prisoners.

The census returns for 1860 represent 3,777 manufacturing establishments in the Pacific States of California and Oregon in that year, with an invested capital of $28,380,334, paying for raw material consumed $23,283,036, employing 30,737 male and 61 female hands, paying for labor $20,073,543, and producing annually goods amounting in value to $71,249,966. $41,017,338 of which were the products of gold mining.

The books of the Federal undertaker at Nashville, Tennessee, show that he has buried, since the Federal occupation of the city, 13,641 soldiers and government employees (1000 of the latter); also, 3,000 Confederate soldiers and 10,000 contraband refugees.

A pretty accurate estimate of the defalcations of Edward B. Ketchum has now been arrived at, and it runs up the enormous amount of four million two hundred thousand dollars.

There are now in existence no less than fourteen hundred and fifty-seven oil companies, with a total capital of eight hundred and sixty-nine million five hundred and ninety four thousand dollars.

INDIA.—A great work among the lower castes in the city of Delhi is exposed in a letter to the Cincinnati, of New Orleans, on execution by the shippers of satisfactory bonds to be given to the Internal Revenue Collector at the place where the articles are to be moved, so that duty may be paid to the Collector at the port of destination.

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N. C. STATE CONVENTION.

WEDNESDAY, October 4, 1865.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

The Bill, introduced by Mr. Clark, yesterday, giving the President the emporer to appoint Reporters, not exceeding five in number, and to assign them, at his discretion, suitable places in the hall, was read.

Mr. Settle moved to amend, by striking out the words "not exceeding five in number."

Mr. Donnell proposed the following amendment: Strike out all after the word "Resolved," and insert "that stenographers be employed to take down debates that be admitted at the discretion of the President, who shall assign them such places on the floor of the Convention, and such facilities to effect their object as shall not interfere with the convenience of the Convention."

Mr. Clarke said that it was not his object to limit the number of reporters, but to secure alike their convenience and that of the Convention.

Mr. Settle withdrew his amendment and the substitute offered by Mr Donnell was adopted.

The following resolution, introduced by Mr. King on Tuesday, was read and adopted:

Resolved, That the President of the Convention be authorized to procure a national flag to be raised over the building during the deliberations of the Convention.

The following introduced by Mr. Logan, was read:

Resolved, That until otherwise ordered, this Convention shall hold daily sessions (Sundays excepted), meeting at 10 A. M., and adjourning at least, at 3 P. M., was laid on the table, on motion of Mr. Donnell.

The following, introduced by Conigland, was again read:

Resolved, That the Governor be requested to communicate to this Convention information as to the specie value at the time when issued, of the bonds and treasury notes issued by the State in aid of the late rebellion against the government of the United States.

Mr Grissom moved that it lie on the table, but withdrew the motion temporarily, at Mr. Conigland's request, who said that he did not desire his purpose in introducing the resolution to be misunderstood—he was opposed to the discussion of questions of finance by the Convention, and especially of questions relating to what is known as the war debt of the State. He might be allowed to say that he was utterly opposed to the assumption by this body of that debt. Nevertheless he felt satisfied that a general desire existed throughout the State for information on the subject, and that he did not know any better way of acquiring an authentic statement than by the adoption of the resolution. With this explanation, he was not opposed to the laying of the resolution on the table for the present.

The motion to lay on the table was carried and adopted.

Mr Moore of Wake, submitted the following report:

The committee appointed to report the subject matters proper for the action of the Convention and the number of the committees necessary for the proper disposition of the same has had the same under consideration, and respectfully report:

It appears to your committee that the business proper for the Convention will be most conveniently brought before the Convention, under the heads of the following resolutions, which are reported simply as a plan of operations, and not as indicating an opinion on the merits of any of the resolutions.

Resolved, By the delegates in Convention assembled, that a committee be appointed consisting of two members from each judicial district, to inquire into the propriety of limiting the number of Justices of the Peace for each County, and the most suitable mode of doing the same, and if they shall be of opinion that the number ought to be limited to report an ordinance to that effect.

Resolved, Further that a committee be appointed to revise the constitution of the State by collecting together and arranging under articles, sections, and clauses, all such parts as belong to the same subject matter, with such changes in the language as are made necessary by the amendments adopted at various times, omitting all such parts as are obsolete or conflict with the construction of the United States, preserving the constitution as one instrument without any essential change in substance.

Resolved, That a committee of eleven be appointed to report the proper action of the Convention in reference to the Secession Ordinance of 20th May, 1861.

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Mr. Caldwell of Burke, desired information as to the sense in which the expression "Congressional Districts as now constituted" should be taken. Did it mean the Congressional Districts as during the war, or eight the number heretofore, when the State was divided prior to the secession?

Mr. Moore said that the letter was intended.

On motion of Mr. Turner, the rule requiring the report to lie over one day was suspended, and the report was received and adopted.

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On the Abolition of Slavery, the Yeas and Nays were called, resulting as follows:

Yeas—Messrs. Adams, Alexander, Allen, Bailey, Barnes, Bell, Bennett, Bethell, Bingham, Blount, Bond, Bowman, Brown, Bryan, Burgess, Caldwell of Burke, Caldwell of Guilford, Carter, Clarke, Cobb, Coleman, Conigland, Cowles, Dargan, Davis, Dodd, Donnell, Dowd, Dula, Eaton, Edwards, Ellis, Fleming, Fuller, Gilliam, Gilmer, Graham, Grissom, Hall, Hampton, Harris, Hedrick, Hill, Holt, Hoover, Hyman, Jenkins, Johnston, Jones, Kerr, King, Lash, Leach, Lenoir, Logan, Love, Lowe, Mebane, Miller, Moore of Wake, Moore of Wilkes, Mott, Caldwell of Burke, McClarkle and Thompson.

THURSDAY OCTOBER 6th, 1865.

Mr. Settle, from the Committee on slavery, reported, "an ordinance prohibiting slavery in the State of North Carolina."

A message was received from His Excellency, Gov. Ho den, transmitting a memorial from a Convention of the Freedmen of North Carolina, recently held in Raleigh. [This memorial was published last week.]

The memorial was read, and was taken under consideration by the Convention.

The hour had been appointed for the additional report from the Committee on Finance, but the Committee was not ready to report.

The Convention adjourned until 10 o'clock, A. M. to-morrow.

The President announced the following committees:

Mr. Moore of Wake, from the committee to prepare business for the action of the Convention:

On Enrolments—Messrs. Caldwell of Burke and Clarke.

On roferring Ordinances to the Committee—Messrs. Moore of Wake, Dowell, Mosely, Bowers, Judge of Cherokee, Pool and Patterson.

On Military Power of Legislature in regard to the indebtedness of the State—Messrs. Reed, Bailey, Henry, Britton and Howard.

On the Governor's Report—Messrs. Wright, Mosely, Dockery, Bridges, Bowers, Caldwell of Burke and Gudger.

The hour for the special order having arrived, on motion of Mr. Thompson, it was postponed for a short time.

The President announced this to be the special order for the hour.

The Convention proceeded to the consideration of the ordinance declaring the ordinance of secession null and void, and all acts and parts of acts passed in pursuance thereof, and repealing the ordinance ratifying the amendment to the Constitution of the United States, abolishing slavery.

Mr. Williams, the delegate from Orange, spoke in favor of the ordinance.

Mr. Dockery, in opposition to the ordinance, said he was in favor of the principle involved in the ordinance, but he thought it was not necessary to pass it at this time. He thought it would be better to wait until the Legislature had passed upon the matter.

Mr. Graham, in favor of the ordinance, said he thought it was necessary to pass it at this time, in order to show to the people of the State that the Convention was in favor of the abolition of slavery.

Mr. Settle